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An Eventful Month.

Measured by the mere lapse of time but little more than twenty days have passed away since the first gun was fired upon Fort Sumter; but measured by events and by all those things that make the material of history, every one of those days represents years in ordinary times.

This short period has been the seed time of history; and deeds have been done of which the prestige and results reach far ahead in the centuries to come. What the result is to be, or what the quality of the harvest to be gathered, no man can tell; but there can be little doubt that it will be an abundant one either for good or ill.

Within that short period at the call of the President, more than a hundred and fifty thousand men have rushed to arms, and already have large armies been formed and organized, which are now in readiness for war. They have been organized, armed, equipped and provisioned as if magic, and thousands of them are now in active service hundreds of miles from home, who, when Fort Sumter was taken, were engaged in their ordinary peaceful avocations.

The naval force, too, has been greatly increased and strengthened within the same short time. All these preparations, vast as they are, are but the spontaneous offerings of the people, and in fact but a tithe of what have been offered and tendered. They are no forced levies or contributions, but are freely given as a grateful offering for the support of that government whose manifold blessings we have so long enjoyed, and only as an earnest of our determination to uphold and maintain it. The next month, unless the war utterly misleads the signs of the times, we are upon the eve of great events.

IMPROVEMENTS IN WINTHROP. Brother Pike of the Age, not long ago, found time to run away from his sanctum for half a day and take a ten mile cruise to the good old town of Winthrop, where, to his surprise, he found lots of friends and evident signs not only of industrial life, but of thrift, even, in these equally stormy times. He actually hints that the town is getting "illustrious," from the fact of an honest man being a resident there. Brother P. should show his jolly face often in the "Rural Districts." It would do him good, and make this genial sunshine of his soul, if possible, still warmer.

As he remarked, there are few of our villages

in this county that have changed their complexion and old fashioned dingy appearance so much for the better as has Winthrop. In addition to the improvements mentioned by the Editor of the Age, as being made under the superintendence of Mr. John B. Shaw of this city, if he should visit again he would find a very great change in the Old Bishop Store, in the corner, which for so many years has been a sort of ancient landmark and the location of the village Post Office. It is now occupied by Noah Currier, Esq., who employed Mr. S. J. Chase of Boston to remodel it from its ancient form into one more conformable to the taste and progress of the times. Mr. Chase has performed his task admirably and proved himself an experienced and skillful artist in this class of architectural science. We commend his services to those who wish to remodel old tenements or build new ones.

The company of Winthrop volunteers will make a very fine one. They organized last week by electing Newell Stratton, Captain; B. S. Kelly, 1st Lieutenant; Wm. Elder, 2d Lieutenant, and they are rendezvous in the Town Hall, where they await orders.

MORE TROOPS CALLED FOR. The Proclamation of the President of last week calls into service over eighty thousand additional men. Of these upwards of forty thousand are for three years, unless sooner discharged, twenty thousand for five years, and eighteen thousand for a shorter term. This act shows the determination of the administration to carry on the war with vigor, and to press it to a victorious termination as soon as possible. We think this policy meets with great favor among all classes, especially among the more reflecting portion of the community. It is unquestionably the true method of dealing with this rebellion that now threatens the existence of the government. Any hesitation, any wavering on the part of the government, only gives the rebels new courage and strengthens them in the doubtful States. We think it is not the true policy of the government to avoid any conflict that they may tender; but on the contrary meet them at once, and repel force by force wherever they may be found; and to follow it up till they fall for quarter. Let them feel that there is a power in the government of the people that cannot and shall not be trifled with by plun-

ders and traitors.

PORTLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. An exhibition of rare and choice flowers was given by this society on Wednesday last at Mussey's Hall. The military excitement in the city prevented a full attendance, but the exhibition, as we learn from the *Advertiser*, was the finest ever had under the auspices of the society. The principal contributions were from the conservatories of Capt. J. B. Coyle, Hon. J. M. Wood, Hon. J. B. Brown, Hon. J. S. Little, Albert Derrwanger, Mr. Benjamin Steele, Master George Owen, and others furnished elegant bouquets. Strawberries in pots from the grounds of T. C. Hersey, Esq., were noticeable for their thrifty growth and profusion of fruit.

THE MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH was held in South Paris last week, commencing Wednesday, May 1st, and adjourning on the Monday following. Bishop Scott presided. The session was opened with religious services and administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, Cone, Robinson and Nickerson. About sixty members were present. An exhibit of the schools and literary institutions of the Conference indicated a prosperous condition. An educational meeting was held on Thursday afternoon.

A DEATH FROM DUTHERIA. A correspondent in Palmyra, sends us the following record of mortality from this terrible scourge:

"Died in Palmyra on the 25th of March last, Mary F. also on the 30th of March, Helen M. on the 3d of April, Sarah M. on the 13th of April, Henry J. and on the 14th of April Charles E. aged respectively about 10, 18, 16, 8 and 14 years. All children of Rodolphus and Anna Johnson of the town. All died of an almost epidemic disease known as Malaria, a degree of mortality it is believed never before if not wholly unprecedented in any single family in that region. In view then of the wholesale fatality of the disease in that family and other disastrous results from similar mismanagement elsewhere, we feel that we have a right to inquire in the name of suffering humanity, whether the results of such treatment ought to enhance its value or invite its repetition."

EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH AMERICA. The steamer Northern Light, from Aspinwall, April 25th, brings intelligence of the destruction of the city of Mendoza on the 20th of March last, by an earthquake, and the loss of \$600 lives.

The San Juan is also reported to have been destroyed and the bed of the river turned upon it by the same earthquake. Two other towns are also reported to have been destroyed.

## Military Organization in Maine.

Orders have been issued for the first four regiments of Maine volunteers to rendezvous as follows: The First, composed of companies from the Third Division, now awaiting orders from the General Government to march, at Portland; the Second, composed of ten companies raised in the First Division, at Bangor; the Third, from the Kennebec valley, composed of companies in the Second Division, at Augusta; the Fourth, from the same Division, at Rockland; the Fifth, composed of companies in the Third Division, at Portland.

The companies to constitute the Third Regiment have not yet been designated. It is expected, however, that it will consist of the two companies from Augusta, one from Gardner, one from Hallowell, one from Waterville, one from Winthrop, one from Skowhegan, two from Bath.

The Regiment will encamp upon the State Grounds in this city, probably by Thursday of next week. The delay in ordering the encampment of this regiment is to enable the Department to procure suitable camp equipment.

The formation of sixty companies have been reported to head quarters, fifty-eight of which have been organized by the choice of officers. The following list of companies reported in the several Divisions, with their officers, has been politely furnished us at the Adjutant General's office:

### DIVISION I.

*Town.*      *Captain.*      *1st Lieut.*      *2d Lieut.*

Penobscotville,      W. N. Lyett,      J. H. Bartlett,

Bath,      W. V. Young,      N. A. Hinckley,

Newport,      J. H. Bartlett,      F. G. Gray,

Calais,      J. H. Hinckley,      R. H. Nichols,

Hancock,      H. H. Hinckley,      R. H. Virgin,

Do.,      John Carroll,      F. G. Sawyer,

Brewster,      J. H. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

Do.,      F. Meekins,

Do.,      L. E. Hinckley,

Do.,      Daniel Chaplin,      A. P. Wilson,

Castine,      S. D. Devereaux,      C. W. Wilson,

Millsboro,      J. S. Simpson,      John Lindsey,

Brewer,      J. S. Simpson,      J. S. Clark,

Wiscasset,      C. W. Ketcham,      J. D. McFarland,

Oxford,      C. F. Foss,

*Town.*      *Captain.*      *1st Lieut.*      *2d Lieut.*

Wiscasset,      Robert Sawyer,      S. Potte,

Wiscasset,      G. A. Atwood,      C. S. Foster,

Wiscasset,      J. Nash,      J. H. Hinckley,

Wiscasset,      J. D. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

Rockland,      Elijah Walker,

Do.,      O. C. Conner,

Augusta,      G. H. Chapman,      A. H. Hinckley,

Belfast,      W. H. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

Fairfield,      J. H. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

Wiscasset,      J. H. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

Wiscasset,      J. H. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

Scarborough,      J. H. Hinckley,      J. H. Hinckley,

*Town.*      *Captain.*      *1st Lieut.*      *2d Lieut.*

G. W. Taylor,      G. H. Chaliford,

Do.,      C. L. Sampson,      G. H



